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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re: Caputo et al.
 Serial No.: 10/038,554
 Filed: January 2, 2002
 For: SYMMETRIC, MONOFUNCTIONALISED POLYMETHINE DYES LABELLING
 REAGENTS

Group Art Unit: 1626
 Confirmation No. 3035

Date: April 14, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
 (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of one (1) month to respond to the Official Action dated March 7, 2003.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

- is filed herewith.
 has been filed.

3. Applicant:

- Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
 Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

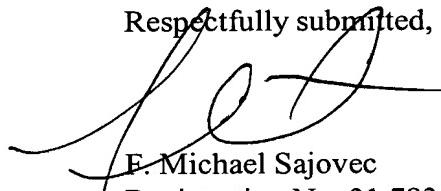
Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee For Other <u>Than Small Entity</u>	Fee for <u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$410.00	\$205.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$930.00	\$465.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$1,970.00	\$985.00

Fee Enclosed \$55.00

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- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,


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Registration No. 31,793

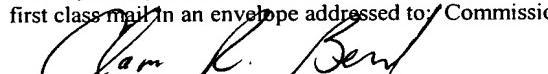


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